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Sir:

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Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication (enclosed) from the International Searching Authority in connection with counterpart PCT application PCT/EP2004/012491.

Copies of the non-U.S. patent documents are attached.

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